



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF July 5, 2006 Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of July 5, 2006 were approved as corrected.

Page 2, Jay Cee Dee Children's Home Inc.

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella ~~visited this facility and found that all~~ received a report on this facility that indicated previous issues of concern were resolved.

Page 2, Delete Optimus Change to Optimist

Page 3, Delete Pay Earl Singer Replace with Earl Paysinger

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano asked staff to reproduce and enlarge the picture of Mrs. Sybil Brand for the office entrance. She also reported that she has been reading the new Grand Jury Report about Sheriff's Stations and other areas of interest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$734.00 as of June 29th.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Corbett reported the following:

1. Mr. Alan Henry of Community Care Licensing faxed his list of Closed Facilities from 2003 to 2006 and was shared with the Commissioners and staff.
2. Newspaper clippings were shared with all Commissioners.
3. A letter to Dr. Marvin Southard, Director of the Department of Mental Health, requesting a replacement representative for Ms. Cora Fullmore, who retired, was presented to Chair Montano for her approval.
4. A follow up call was made to Deputy Joseph Charney to fill the two vacancies in the 3rd District.
5. The photographer will be here at 11:00 a.m. for the Commission's group photo.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS

Citrus Court

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on July 10th, and found it needs an additional color video monitor and a video in cell #1. It has a donated piece of ballistic glass in the Sally Port that needs to be installed like that at the Civil Department's counter.

Carson Sheriff's Station

Chair Montano, Commissioners Hall and Hammargren visited this facility on July 6th, and found it in satisfactory condition.

Orange County Children's Home Foundation – 82, #3

Commissioners will be re-inspecting this home after learning of runaway girls and allegations of abuse while inspecting the Carson Sheriff's Station.

Zenith Youth Home – 113, #2

Commissioners Bacio and Moore visited this facility on July 6th, and found no one home, therefore no inspection was done.

City of Industry Sheriff's Station

Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore visited this facility on July 11th, and found the following areas of concern: substandard evacuation plan. It needs turn out gear in various sizes as well as gloves and boots for the gear. There is no panic button for deputies. A set of jail keys was left in an open cell door. The station is dirty, with cracked floors and needs new furniture.

Walnut Sheriff's Station

Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore visited this facility on July 11th, and found the following areas of concern: It has only two trustees. It has turn out gear with no hoods, no boots, no gloves and no suspenders. There is a need to have deputies' training on booking arrests, a live scan update and retraining on DNA.

St. Anne's Maternity Home - 65, #2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on July 6th, and found that it has a very good private support base by the Catholic Archdiocese. It has an exceptional physical facility. The children are served at the Early Learning Center of St. Anne's Campus.

Aviva Family Children's Services – 4, #5

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on July 10th, and found it has a family therapy program once a month. It has a problem collecting fees for their programs from the LA County Office of Education.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano distributed inspection assignments to Commissioners for the following week.

Chair Montano asked staff to prepare a letter to the new Probation Officer, Mr. Robert Taylor, to attend the August 2, 2006 regular meeting.

Commissioner Hammargren reported that he got a phone call from Captain Alice Scott of CRDF and it was decided that all Commissioners will revisit the facility on August 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The Commission's regular meeting on that day will be canceled.

Commissioner Moore recommended some additions/deletions to the facility inspection form which he will present at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. in memory of Lou Dantzler, the founder of Los Angeles Challengers Boys and Girls Club,

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett
Staff